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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MISSING MARINE SECURITY GUARD

REF: MOGADISCIO 1384 AND 1390

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S REQUEST, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOLEN CALLED IN SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU AND INFORMED HIM THAT LCPL ROBERT IVERSON HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE EARLY MORNING, AUGUST 27. ALTHOUGH US EMBASSY HAD IMMEDIATELY REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE TO SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTRY AND REQUESTED URGENT ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY, AS OF 4:30 P.M., HAD NOT HAD RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY. AMBASSADOR BOLEN, NOTING THAT IVERSON HAD DIPLOMATIC STATUS, SAID WE CONSIDERED HIS DISAPPEARANCE AN URGENT AND SERIOUS MATTER AND REQUESTED SOMALI GOVERNMENT'S COOPERATION IN LOCATING HIM. FURTHER, IF HE WAS BEING HELD BY SOMALI AUTHORITIES, THAT HE BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY.

2. SINCE CORPORAL IVERSON HAD NOT BEEN MISSING MORE THAN 24 HOURS, AMBASSADOR ADDOU SUGGESTED THAT IVERSON MIGHT

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TURN UP SHORTLY ON HIS OWN, BUT HE PROMISED TO SEND A

CABLE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY.
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